

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

The claims of the application have been amended as shown in the following marked-up copies of the claims:

1. (previously amended) A business form, said business form comprising only two layers of material, a first of said material layers comprising a strip label layer and a second of said material layers comprising a lamination layer, said strip label layer having a separation line therein defining a strip label and said lamination layer having a separation line therein defining a lamination and wherein each of said material layers has an associated adhesive layer so that said strip label and lamination may be removed from the form and separately adhered with its associated adhesive layer to another business form with the lamination overlying the strip layer to protect same.

2. (previously amended) The business form of claim 1 wherein the adhesive layers are located between the lamination and the strip label as they are contained within the business form.

3. (original) The business form of claim 2 wherein the strip label separation line is approximately centered on the lamination separation line.

4. (original) The business form of claim 3 wherein the lamination is larger than the strip label so that as the two are adhered to said other form the lamination may be positioned to overlie substantially the entirety of the strip label.

5. (original) The business form of claim 4 wherein the strip label is void of adhesive around a periphery of its inside surface.

6. (previously amended) The business form of claim 5 wherein the lamination adhesive layer includes adhesive around an inner circumference of the inside surface of said lamination which, when the strip label is aligned with and applied to the lamination, overlies the strip label around a periphery of its outside surface so as to adhere the strip label to the lamination.

7. (original) The business form of claim 6 wherein a plurality of said strip labels and aligned laminations are included therein.

8. (original) The business form of claim 6 further comprising an alignment marking for aligning the strip label with an edge of a folder.

9. (previously amended) A self laminating strip label separable from a carrier, the carrier being comprised of only two layers of material separated by at least one adhesive layer, the first layer being comprised of face stock and the second layer being comprised of a substantially transparent protective material, each of said layers having a separation line therein defining a strip label and a lamination, respectively, with said separation lines being substantially aligned.

10. (original) The business form of claim 9 wherein the lamination is larger than the strip label so that as the two are aligned and applied to another form the strip label is completely enclosed by the lamination.

11. (previously amended) The business form of claim 10 wherein the adhesive layer includes adhesive around an inner circumference of the inside surface of said lamination which, when the strip label is aligned with and applied to the lamination, overlies the strip label around a periphery of its outside surface so as to adhere the strip label to the lamination.

12. (currently amended) The business form of claim 11 wherein the adhesive layer includes adhesive applied to the strip layer so that it may be separately adhered to said another form.

13. (previously amended) The business form of claim 12 wherein the adhesive layer releasably adheres the strip label to the lamination as they form part of the carrier so that they are separately removable from the carrier.

14. (previously amended) A method of forming a laminated strip label from the carrier of claim 9, the method comprising the steps of:

separating the strip label from the carrier,

applying the strip label to another form including folding the strip layer approximately in half to form a V for receiving it so that it adheres to both sides of the other form,

separating the lamination from the carrier, and

applying the lamination to the strip label and other form, with the lamination being substantially aligned with the strip label to substantially overlie the strip label.

15. (original) The method of claim 14 wherein the step of applying the lamination to the strip layer and other form includes adhering the lamination to each of them.

16. (previously amended) A method of forming a laminated strip label from the carrier of claim 9 and applying it to another form, the method comprising the steps of:

separating the strip label from the carrier,

inverting the strip label,

re-inserting the inverted strip label back into the void in the carrier created by the separation of the strip label to thereby adhere the strip label to the lamination,

separating the lamination/strip label assembly from the carrier, and

applying the lamination/strip label assembly to another form including folding the strip layer approximately in half to form a V for receiving it so that it adheres to both sides of the other form.

17. (original) The method of claim 16 wherein the step of applying the lamination/strip label assembly to another form includes aligning the lamination/strip label assembly to said other form.

18. (previously amended) A form containing a self-laminating strip label, the form comprising only two sheets of material separated by a single layer of adhesive, one of said sheets comprising a printable face stock and the other sheet comprising a laminating material, and said sheets having a separation line defining a strip label and a lamination, respectively.

19. (original) The form of claim 18 wherein the separation lines are substantially aligned with each other.

20. (previously amended) The form of claim 19 wherein said layer of adhesive is arranged to releasably adhere the strip label to the form and to releasably adhere the lamination to the form, and wherein each of said strip label and said lamination have an associated layer of adhesive after separation from said form.

21. (original) The form of claim 20 wherein at least part of the portion of the lamination which contacts the strip label as the two are aligned for being applied to another form is covered with adhesive to thereby adhere the lamination to the strip label.

22. (original) The form of claim 21 wherein said form includes a plurality of said laminated strip labels.

23. (original) The form of claim 21 wherein said form is approximately envelope sized.

24. (original) The form of claim 21 wherein said separation lines are aligned to be substantially centered on a common axis, one above the other.

25. (previously amended) A form suitable for processing through a printer to thereby create a printed, self adhering laminated strip label matrix comprises solely a first layer of a printable face stock and a second layer of a laminating material, and a separation line in each of said layers to form a strip label and a lamination, said separation lines being substantially aligned and said layers being releasably adhered by a layer of adhesive so that upon separation of at least the strip label from the form it may be aligned and adhered to the lamination to thereby create the matrix.

26. (previously amended) The form of claim 25 wherein the lamination is substantially larger than the strip label so that the matrix when formed includes a strip label which is entirely covered by the lamination.

27. (original) The form of claim 26 wherein the matrix when formed includes adhesive exposed over portions of both of the strip label and the lamination for adhering to another form.

28. (previously amended) A form suitable for processing through a printer to thereby create a printed, self adhering laminated strip label comprises solely a first layer of a printable face stock and a second layer of a laminating material, and a separation line in each of said layers to form a strip label and a lamination, the first layer having a second separation line forming a dummy label, wherein the dummy label, strip label, and the lamination are aligned so that upon removal of the dummy label the form may be folded to bring the strip label into aligned contact with the lamination.

29. (previously amended) The form of claim 28 wherein said dummy label is larger in each dimension than the strip label so that upon its removal the strip label will conveniently fit into the dummy label opening.

30. (original) The form of claim 29 wherein the lamination has a layer of adhesive so that the strip label will be adhered to the lamination to form an assembly and the assembly may then be removed from the form.

31. (original) The form of claim 30 wherein the form further comprises a set of alignment markings to aid in applying the strip label to a file folder tab.

32. (previously amended) The form of claim 30 wherein the strip label has a layer of adhesive, and the dummy label has a layer of release coating.

33. (original) The form of claim 32 wherein the dummy label and the lamination are substantially aligned on top of each other.

34. (previously amended) The form of claim 33 wherein the lamination is larger than the strip label in each dimension so that when the assembly is applied to a file folder tab both of the strip label and the lamination adhere thereto.

35. (previously amended) A method of forming a laminated strip label from the form of claim 28 and applying it to another form, the method comprising the steps of:
separating the dummy label from the form,

folding the form to bring the strip label into contact with the exposed opening formed through removal of the dummy label, the lamination having a layer of adhesive so that the strip label adheres to the lamination to thereby form an assembly,
separating the lamination/strip label assembly from the form, and
applying the lamination/strip label assembly to another form including folding it approximately in half to form a V for receiving the other form so that it adheres to both sides of the other form.

36. (original) The method of claim 35 wherein the step of applying the lamination/strip layer assembly to another form includes adhering the lamination to each of the strip label and the other form.

37. (original) The method of claim 36 wherein the step of applying the lamination/strip label assembly to another form includes aligning the lamination/strip label assembly to said other form.

38. (previously amended) A form containing a laminated strip label adapted for affixing to another form, the form comprising only two sheets of material, one of said sheets comprising a printable face stock and the other sheet comprising a laminating material, said sheets having a separation line defining a strip label and a lamination, respectively, the laminating sheet having a second separation line for partially exposing the strip label so that the strip label may be applied to the other form, the face stock sheet having a second separation line for fully exposing the lamination, and the laminating sheet having a third separation line about which the lamination may be folded to align with and cover the strip label.

39. (original) The form of claim 38 wherein the laminating sheet has a fourth separation line for exposing the rest of the strip label for being adhered to the other form.

40. (original) The form of claim 39 wherein the second separation line in the laminating sheet exposes approximately one half of the strip label.

41. (original) The form of claim 40 wherein the strip label half exposed by the second separation line in the laminating sheet is the upper half.

42. (previously amended) A form containing a laminated strip label, the form comprising only two sheets of material separated by a layer of adhesive, one of said sheets comprising a printable face stock and the other sheet comprising a laminating material, said sheets having a separation line defining a strip label and a lamination, respectively, wherein said lamination and strip label are arranged in their respective sheets so that the lamination may be folded over to overlie and become adhered to the strip label prior to either becoming separated from the form.

43. (original) The form of claim 42 wherein the strip label is arranged to be offset from the lamination, with an edge of each lying substantially in the same plane.

44. (original) The form of claim 43 wherein one of said separation lines provides an alignment guide for aligning the strip label with the other form.

45. (previously amended) A method of forming a laminated strip label from the form of claim 38 and applying it to another form, the method comprising the steps of:

 exposing a portion of the strip label,

 adhering the exposed strip label portion to the other form including folding the strip layer approximately in half to form a V for receiving it so that it adheres to both sides of the other form,

 exposing the lamination,

 adhering the lamination to the strip label,

 exposing the rest of the strip label, and

 adhering the rest of the strip label to the other form.

46. (original) The method of claim 45 wherein the step of adhering the lamination to the strip label includes the step of folding the form to bring the lamination into contact with the strip label.

47. (original) The method of claim 46 wherein the step of exposing the strip label includes the step of exposing substantially half of the strip label as an aid in properly aligning the strip label with the other form.

48. (previously amended) A method of forming a laminated strip label from the form of claim 42 and applying it to another form, the method comprising the steps of:

exposing the lamination,

folding the form over so as to adhere the lamination to the strip label,

exposing the strip label, and

adhering the strip label/lamination assembly to the other form including folding it approximately in half to form a V for receiving the other form so that it adheres to both sides of the other form.

49. (original) The method of claim 48 wherein the step of exposing the strip label includes first exposing substantially half of the strip label and further comprising the step of aligning the strip label with the other form before adhering the strip label/lamination assembly to the other form.

50. (original) The method of claim 49 further comprising the step of exposing the rest of the strip label and adhering it to the other form after the step of adhering the first exposed half of the strip label.